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## **SPD's Gina Pruski Honored As 2011 Woman In The Law**

(Madison) The Wisconsin State Public Defender's (SPD) Gina Pruski will be honored as a 2011 Woman In The Law. Pruski, Training Director for the agency, will receive her recognition during a ceremony this evening in Milwaukee.

The honor, sponsored by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*, recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of women in the legal profession who have paved the way for success for other women. A total of 26 recipients from across Wisconsin will be honored as a 2011 Woman In The Law.

State Public Defender Kelli Thompson stated, "Gina's leadership of the agency's training efforts has been outstanding. She has developed training partnerships that stretch the agency's limited resources and enhance the justice system's cohesion. Gina has also embraced web-based delivery methods to create further efficiencies. I congratulate Gina on this well-deserved recognition."

One of the most visible aspects of Pruski's leadership is the agency's annual conference featuring nationally-known speakers and drawing over 1,000 attendees from a multi-state region. She has also either initiated or expanded an extensive list of training programs. In addition, Pruski's efforts have resulted in the SPD's selection as one of three public defender programs for the Bronx Defender Center for Holistic Defense's inaugural outreach initiative.

Pruski has served the citizens of Wisconsin in the SPD for almost 20 years. Her experience includes tenure as an Assistant State Public Defender in the agency's Fond du Lac office as well as Deputy Legal Counsel in the agency's administrative office.

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